

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: February 1, 2008  
Dittmann Group Art Unit: 2616  
Serial No. 10/645,104 Examiner: Jianye Wu  
Filed: August 21, 2003 IBM Corporation  
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
PROCESSING DATA PACKETS Anne Vachon Dougherty  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**  
**FILED WITH AN APPEAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 1, 2007, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** as set forth on pages 2-3;

**Amendments to the claims** as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 4; and

**Remarks** which begin on page 10.